(e) if not, what is the reaction of Government on the news appearitig in Jansatta dated 5th April, 1993 captioned "Koela Mantralaya kash Laparwaki Se Kararon Ka Cbootia" ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAI. (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJAL : (a) and (b) . The rail loading of coal is being monitored on the basis cf company-wise loading in terms of Four Wheeler Wagons\day (FWWs Day). The available data of subsidiary-wise coal loading in Coal India Ltd. for the year 1992-93 is given below'. :

Name of Subsidiary Company	Total wagon loading in 1992-93 (in terms of FWWs per day)
ECL	1892
BCCL	2603
CCL	2982
NCL	1148
WCI	1701
SECI	2967
NCL	1789
NEI	1890
Total (CIL)	15172

Coal Companies do cot maintain data regarding number cf sick wagons. Besides some wagons could be used by railways for loading coal and also other commodi-

(e) to (e) once is taken ensure full uillsatino of wagons allotted for coal loding. However, there could always be some case of marginal under-loading overloading srecially in places where no weighbridge have been installed. Steps are being taken to install weighbridges at all the rail loading points and minimise such lessees.

Privatisation of unexplored coal mines

*684. DR. SANJAYA SINGH : Will the Minister of COAL to pleased to *state*:

(a) whether i: is a fact that Government propose to hand over 'virgin' coal mine with linkages to Power Plants to private companies willing to; set up p;v.x'r units: and

(b) if so. what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR. PANJA; (.a) and (b) The Government have taken a dec'sion to permit private sector participation in coal mining operations in virgin areas for the purpose of captive consumption for power generation, for setting up of washeries and for other and uses as may be notified by Government from time to time.

A Bill to amend the Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Act, 1973 for this purpose is pending enactment.